

# **EXPERIMENTAL WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS/ U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS/REFUGES 2016-2018 ALLIGATOR HUNTING BID APPLICATION NOTIFICATION**

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) will select eligible hunters to harvest alligators on certain Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs)/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACOE) properties/Refuges based on a bid system. The highest bidders will be selected, provided that the bidder meets the minimum criteria and the bid application form is also acceptable.

Bid application forms must be completed and received in Room 241 of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70898 by 10:00 a.m. on **June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016**.

Bid opening will be at the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Headquarters Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70898. Selected hunters will be notified by phone.

## **Minimum Criteria for Bid Submittal**

**Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to submit a bid:**

- Must be a Louisiana resident at least 18 years of age.
- Must have previous alligator hunting experience in Louisiana.
- Must be able to provide essential equipment for alligator hunting on the WMA/USACOE property/Refuge they are bidding on.
- Must be able to report to the WMA/USACOE property/Refuge each morning until alligator tag quota is completed.
- Must follow specific instructions issued by Department personnel.
- Must maintain required records.
- Must be able to successfully pass a criminal background check. All applicants will be screened for past wildlife and criminal violations. Applicants with felony convictions or with Class Two or above wildlife convictions, WMA/USACOE/Refuge violations or littering within the last five years, as determined by the Enforcement Division, shall be disqualified.

## **Restrictions**

- **NO guiding/outfitting** activities for sport alligator hunting will be allowed while conducting any activities on WMAs/USACOE properties/Refuges.
- Selected hunters **will not** be allowed to participate in any **television** or **reality show production**. Any video activity must be specifically approved by Area Manager.

## **Bid Information**

- The minimum acceptable bid is 40.00%.
- Do not split percentage points smaller than quarters (i.e...42.25, 42.50, 42.75, 43.00).
- The bid percentage applies to the total income of **hide and meat** whether alligators are sold whole or hide and meat is sold separately.
- Only one bid percentage for hide and meat income may be submitted per WMA/USACOE property/Refuge.
- If alligators are sold whole the total income will be determined by the Dealer Sale Transaction forms and must reflect both **feet and inches** of each hide and **price per foot paid**.
- If alligator hide and meat are sold separately,
  - The total hide income will be determined by the Dealer Sale Transaction forms and must reflect both **feet and inches** of each hide and **price per foot paid** and

- The total meat income will be determined by the Dealer Sale Transaction forms and must reflect the **total weight (pounds)** of meat sold, whether the meat was **bone-in** carcass or **deboned** and **corresponding tag numbers** associated with the alligator meat sold.
- An individual can apply and bid on more than one WMA/USACOE property/Refuge but will only be selected for one WMA/USACOE/Refuge property. Bidders applying for more than one area must fill out individual applications for each WMA/USACOE/Refuge property.
- Bids will not be accepted unless the bid application (page 4 of this packet) is filled out completely and submitted by the deadline.
- The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

### **Hunter Education**

Persons born on or after September 1, 1969 must have successfully completed an approved hunter education course **OR** be under the direct supervision of a person: 1) who was born before September 1, 1969 and who has a valid hunting license **or** 2) who is at least 18 years old and has successfully completed an approved hunter education course.

### **Winning Bidders**

- Only one winner allowed per household.
- Successful bidders will be notified by phone.
- If the selected hunter's annual alligator hunting performance is satisfactory to the Department they will be awarded the bid for a total of three years (2016, 2017 and 2018).
- If a selected hunter does not fill his/her alligator harvest quota, then the selected hunter will be required to pay the Department its expected share of alligator hide/meat values for alligators not harvested, with payment based on the number of unfilled tags paid at the average rate of compensation for the year's harvest applied to an average size for the nearest LDWF property allowing alligator harvest. The Department, at its sole discretion and determination, may consider exceptions to the previous payment requirement.

**Do not submit a bid application form unless you have met all the minimum criteria described above.**

Additional bid application notifications and forms can be printed from LDWF's website at [www.wlf.louisiana.gov/wildlife/alligator-hunting](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/wildlife/alligator-hunting), be requested by phone at the phone numbers below or from the following address:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
2016-2018 WMA Alligator Harvest Bids  
P.O. Box 98000  
Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000

If additional information is needed, please call the appropriate LDWF office (Hammond 985-543-4777, Opelousas 337-948-0255, New Iberia 337-373-0032, New Orleans 504-284-5264) or email at [LAalligatorprogram@wlf.la.gov](mailto:LAalligatorprogram@wlf.la.gov).

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# WMAS/USACOE PROPERTIES/REFUGES AVAILABLE FOR ALLIGATOR HUNTING BIDDING IN 2016

WMA/USACOE Property	LDWF Office	Parish(es)	# of Hunters*	# of Tags per Hunter*	Total Tags*
GRASSY LAKE WMA	Opelousas	Avoyelles	1	30	30
SPRING BAYOU WMA	Opelousas	Avoyelles	1	90	90
POMME DE TERRE WMA	Opelousas	Avoyelles	1	12	12
ATTAKAPAS WMA	Opelousas	Iberia/St. Martin/ St. Mary	1	35	35
SHERBURNE USACOE LANDS	Opelousas	Iberville, Pt. Coupee, St. Martin	1	33	33
DEWEY WILLS WMA	Opelousas	La Salle/Catahoula	1	20	20
MANCHAC WMA	Hammond	St. John	2	66	132
PEARL RIVER WMA - North of I-10	Hammond	St. Tammany	1	36	36
PEARL RIVER WMA - I-10 to Hwy 90	Hammond	St. Tammany	1	74	74
PEARL RIVER WMA - South of Hwy 90	Hammond	St. Tammany	1	83	83
JOYCE WMA	Hammond	Tangipahoa	2	76	152
MAUREPAS SWAMP WMA	Hammond	St. John, St. James, Ascension, Livingston, Tangipahoa	10	75	750
INDIAN BAYOU (USACOE)	Opelousas	St. Landry/St. Martin	1	20	20
ATCHAFALAYA DELTA WMA**	New Iberia	St. Mary	1	70	70
POINTE-AUX-CHENES WMA**	New Orleans	Lafourche/Terrebonne	1	50	50
SALVADOR WMA**	New Orleans	St. Charles	1	57	57
PASS-A-LOUTRE WMA**	New Orleans	Plaquemines	2	70	140
ST. TAMMANY REFUGE**	New Orleans	St. Tammany	1	10	10

\* Approximate numbers, subject to change without notification

\*\* Successful bidders on these WMAs/Refuges will receive the first right of refusal of nutria harvest rights (contingent on their alligator hunting authorization).

**EXPERIMENTAL WMAS/USACOE PROPERTIES/REFUGES 2016-2018  
ALLIGATOR HUNTING BID APPLICATION FORM**

SSN: _____		Name: _____	
Address: _____		City: _____	State: <u>LA</u>
Zip: _____	Phone: _____	Phone (Cell/Other): _____	
Email: _____	DOB: _____	Driver's License #: _____	
Race: _____	Sex: _____	Color Hair: _____	Color Eyes: _____
Height: _____ ft _____ in	Weight: _____	Hunter Education #: _____	

**NOTE:** Bid application forms received with incomplete information or an incorrect social security number will not be processed.

**I WISH TO TRAP ALLIGATORS ON \_\_\_\_\_ WMA/USACOE PROPERTY/REFUGE.** Use the same name as on the previous table titled "WMAs/USACOE Properties/Refuges Available for Alligator Hunting Bidding in 2016". Complete a separate application form for each WMA/USACOE property/Refuge you are bidding on.

**I OFFICIALLY BID \_\_\_\_\_% OF MY HIDE/MEAT INCOME WHICH I WILL PAY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES IF I AM SELECTED.**

I certify that the information that I have provided in this bid application is correct. Falsification of this information may cause my application to be rejected, my name removed from the eligible register, and/or subject me to immediate dismissal from this experimental harvest.

Signature of Applicant	Date
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Do you possess or have access to the equipment (e.g., flat boats, go-devil type boats, shallow drive boats, etc.) necessary to efficiently harvest alligators on the WMA/USACOE property/Refuge you are bidding on?        Yes  
       No

**Previous Alligator Hunting Experience:**

Year	License Number	Landowner Name	Tags Issued	Tags Used

**List any previous Wildlife and Fisheries, USACOE or felony violations and year:**

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